



## Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **Archaeology Grants and the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board-** At its most recent meeting, the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board approved tentative grant awards for FY 2006 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) projects. Grant funding was recommended for several archaeological investigation and public education projects that will be undertaken by Ball State University, Indiana University-Purdue University at Ft. Wayne, Indiana University and Martin University. Funding for the HPF program is provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and administered through the DHPA. Grant awards are tentative until final approval is received from the National Park Service, which is anticipated later in the spring. Stay tuned for more details on these exciting grants in future *Archaeology News* issues.

- **F.C. Tucker Company, Inc. brochure-** The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology was excited to learn that recently some real estate agents with the F.C. Tucker Company distributed an Indiana Archaeology brochure to individuals on their distribution lists. The brochure, put together by *Indianapolis Monthly* magazine, and distributed by F.C. Tucker Company, reached about 25,000 people! The brochure references our division, and the wealth of archaeological information on our webpage, and we are also pleased about that.

Our office is pleased to see that information regarding Indiana's rich archaeological heritage, and the ways the resources are protected, is reaching many people in unique and various ways! As a result, a member of the public who received the flyer has already stopped into our office to learn more about archaeological artifacts that he had, and we hope to continue to hear from others who were reached by the great effort of the F.C. Tucker Company, Inc. For further information regarding archaeological resources and their protection, see our webpage at [www.IN.gov/dnr/historic](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic).



- **Outreach to the Audubon Society-** State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Research Archaeologist Amy Johnson gave a Powerpoint presentation about archaeology in Indiana, and specifically Terre Haute and Vigo County, to the Wabash Valley Audubon Society on February 15th. The presentation was held at the Vigo County Public Library in Terre Haute. Dr. Jones and Ms. Johnson were pleased to share information about the local history and prehistory of the area with 22 members of the Society.

- **Historic Hoosier mill site investigation-** State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and archaeologist Cathy Draeger recently visited Beck's Mill, a grist mill in southern Indiana, to provide technical assistance to members of the public. The mill and the adjacent cultural landscape demonstrate historical use of the property from settlement to the Civil War, and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. George Beck started construction of the first mill in



1808 after selling beaver hides for mill stones. The current structure was built in 1863 and operated until 1942. This site is on the National Register of Historic Places and also on Historic Landmarks Foundation's "Indiana's 10 Most Endangered" list. The local community is trying to preserve this site for posterity.



- **Underground Railroad Teacher Workshop-** On February 18<sup>th</sup> Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Frank Hurdis, and Cathy Draeger from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology attended an Underground Railroad teachers' workshop at the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis. This workshop was co-sponsored by the DNR-DHPA, the

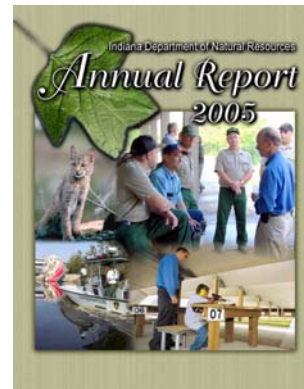


Indiana State Museum, and the IUPUI Department of Education with funding from the Indiana Humanities Council and the Cornelius O'Brien Committee on Historic Preservation. The focus was to share with educators how the Underground Railroad and associated topics can be used in and out of the classroom to explore the cultural and social history of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A few of the presentations were geared towards archaeology. A high-school teacher from Ohio discussed how his students learned about a rural African

American farmstead in their county by conducting research, survey, and excavation. Bill Wepler from the Indiana State Museum and Dr. Deborah Rotman from the University of Notre Dame discussed the importance of documentary and archaeological resources of the Lick Creek community in the Hoosier National Forest. This workshop was a great way for an array of agencies, associations, and individuals to share the wealth of knowledge of an important part of our state's and nation's history.



- **2005 DNR Annual Report-** DNR Director Kyle Hupfer has announced that the 2005 Department of Natural Resources Annual Report is now available online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/>. In the annual report you will find information on the Department as a whole, but also on the individual divisions. In the DHPA section of the document, you will find some of the highlights that were accomplished by our office last year.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html)

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